

REMARKS

By way of the above amendment to the claims, Applicant has amended claim 5 to include the subject matter of objected claim 17. Applicant respectfully submits that by the amendment, claim 5 and the dependent claims thereon of claim 6 and 7 are now in condition for allowance.

Applicant notes that the prior Office Action indicated that claims 10, 11, 14, 15, 18, and 20 are allowed.

With respect to independent claims 1 and 21, these claims have been amended to clarify that the planar surfaces defined by the respective front face of the club head heel surface intersect at a single point. It is respectfully submitted that this distinction traverses the rejections of record which stand rejected either directly or indirectly through the application of the teachings of Johnson et al '178. As noted in Johnson et al, the intersection between the heel and the face planes provide a point of intersection and axis of intersection which is co-planar with respect to the two planes i.e., the two surfaces are hinged along a common intersection plane. As now set forth in independent claims 1 and 21, the claimed subject matter sets forth a heel face and a club face in which the defined planes intersect at a single point.

This claimed feature facilitates using the defined angle of intersection between the respective planes to control the loft and lie angle from a hosel extending from a respective heel face by the adjustment of the angle between the respective planes.

It is respectfully submitted that no fair combination of the cited prior art teaches Applicant's claimed subject matter as set forth in claim 1 and claim 21 where intersected surface planes of the club face and a heel portion intersect along a single point. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 21 and dependent claims thereon are now in condition for allowance.

New claim 27 is the subject matter in previously objected to claim 17 which now depends from claim 21. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 27 is also in condition for allowance for the reasons set forth above and for the additional reason that no fair

combination of the art teaches or discloses the heel structure having upper and lower parallel edges and having a height less than a height of the club head.

New claim 28 is also believed in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed subject matter sets forth intersecting surface planes between a front face and a heel portion of the club in which the heel has upper and lower parallel edges and having a height less than the height of the club head.

Inasmuch as all outstanding issues raised by the Examiner have been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and action to such effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at his/her convenience should only minor issues remain after consideration of the present Amendment, to permit early resolution of same.

Please charge any additional fees required by this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-3172.

Respectfully submitted,

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